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SUBJECT: ADS REQUEST - COMPUTER ELECTION SYSTEMS, INC.

BERKELEY, CALIF.

DESPITE EXTENSIVE CANVASSING THE EMBASSY COULD LOCATE

ONLY THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT(S):

GPS

GESELLSCHAFT FUER PERSONALDATEN UND SICHERHEIT

SYSTEME GMBH

HARDSTRASSE 14A

D-8034 UNTERPFAFFENHOFEN B. MUENCHEN

CONTACT: MR. STRAKA, MANAGER

PHONE: 089-8411169

COMMENT: FIRM ESTABLISHED IN 1973, REPRESENTS

SEVERAL MANUFACTURERS OF COMPUTERS. FIRM EMPLOYS

7 PERSONS AND HAS AVERAGE SALES OF DM 2 MILLION.

FINANCES ARE SAID TO BE IN ORDER. GERMAN FIRM GPS

IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS SALES PROGRAM

BY ADDING US PRODUCTS.

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MARKET IN FRANKFURT DISTRICT IS DOMINATED BY TWO GERMAN MANUFACTURERS: T & N OF FRANKFURT, AND ELLERT OF DARMSTADT. BOTH HAVE THEIR OWN DISTRIBUTION AND MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS SOLIDLY SET UP. BUSINESS MACHINE IMPORTERS IN GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THEIR ASSOCIATION IN FRANKFURT, DO NOT HANDLE THIS TYPE OF

EQUIPMENT. CONSENSUS OF OPINION WAS THAT ONLY CHANCE FOR US FIRM TO ENTER THIS MARKET WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH OWN OPERATION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF AFOREMENTIONED HEAVY COMPETITION THIS WOULD NOT BE AN EASY MATTER.

## AMCONSUL STUTTGART REPORTS:

DUE TO THE VERY LIMITED POSSIBLE MARKET FOR THE EQUIPMENT OFFERED AND DUE TO GERMAN REGULATIONS AND LAWS, NONE OF THE LOCAL AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS IN OUR AREA WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH COMPUTER ELECTION SYSTEMS THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING ITS COMMISSIONED REPRESENTATIVE.

SHOULD ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BE ELICITED, THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY.

APPROVING OFFICER: GUSTAF COONTZ, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR STOESSEL

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